

1-1 By: Bettencourt, Birdwell S.B. No. 987
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 29, 2025; February 13, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 17, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
1-5 Nays 0; March 17, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the subject matter jurisdiction of the criminal trial
1-22 courts of this state over certain criminal actions.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 571.171, Government Code, is amended by
1-25 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-26 (d) This section does not require the exhaustion of civil,
1-27 including administrative, remedies as a prerequisite to the vesting
1-28 in a trial court of subject matter jurisdiction over a criminal
1-29 action for which the trial court would otherwise have jurisdiction
1-30 under other law.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act applies to a criminal action commenced
1-32 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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